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SUBJ: MALI/UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE

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1. DURING OUR CONVERSATION AUGUST 14, I ASKED PRESIDENT LAMIZANA WHAT PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE IN THE SETTLEMENT OF THE MALI/UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE. HE SAID THAT NEUTRAL COMMISSION WHICH HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED TO DETERMINE ONCE AND FOR ALL LOCATION OF BORDER IN DISPUTED AREA WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PROCEED TO THE FIELD UNTIL THE END OF THE RAINY SEASON, PROBABLY NOT BEFORE OCTOBER 15. THIS WAS MERE FORMALITY IN ANY CASE SINCE THE GENERAL LOCATION OF BORDER HAD ALREADY BEEN AGREED UPON.

2. REGARDING OTHER ASPECTS OF UPPER VOLTA'S RELATIONS WITH MALI, LAMIZANA SIAD THEY HAD GREATLY IMPROVED SINCE
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TROOPS HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM DISPUTED AREA. TRAFFIC ACROSS BORDER WAS "ALMOST" NORMAL AND FEW REMAINING RESTRICTIONS ON VOLTAN SIDE WOULD BE REMOVED SHORTLY. HE AND "MOUSSA" WOULD MEET IN A FEW WEEKS IN LOME TO DISCUSS BILATERAL RELATIONS (THROUGHOUT CONVERSATION, LAMIZANA, ALMOST AFFECTIONATELY, REFERRED TO MALIAN CHIEF OF STATE SIMPLY AS "MOUSSA"). ORIGINALLY, OUAGADOUGOU HAD BEEN SUGGESTED AS THE SITE FOR THIS MEETING, BUT GOUV CONSIDERED THIS A LITTLE REMATURE.

3. WITH RESPECT TO SEKOU TOURE'S ROLE IN SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE, LAMIZANA CONFIRMED THAT PRESIDENT EYADEMA OF TOGO AND OTHER MEMBERS OF LOME MEDIATION COMMISSION HAD NOT APPRECIATED INITIATIVES TAKEN BY GUINEAN CHIEF OF STATE WHICH TENDED TO USURP THE ROLE OF THE COMMISSION. LAMIZANA FELT, HOWEVER, THAT NO HARM HAD BEEN DONE AND THAT SEKOU TOURE'S VISITS TO OUAGADOUGOU AND BAMAKO MIGHT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CLIMATE OF DETENTE BETWEEN MALI AND UPPER VOLTA.

4. IN CONCLUSION, LAMIZANA SAID THAT HE WAS OPTIMISTIC, AND CONFIDENT THAT MALI AND UPPER VOLTA WOULD NOT FORGET ABOUT THEIR DISPUTE AND CONCENTRATE THEIR EFFORTS ON MORE IMPORTANT TASKS, PARTICULARLY THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR POOR COUNTRIES.

5. COMMENT: FROM A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WHICH INTERRUPTED OUR DISCUSSION, I GATHER THAT THE MEETING IN LOME BETWEEN LAMIZANA AND TRAORE WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER.
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